

DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.131

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The undersigned Inventors declare and state as follows:

1. We are the inventors of the above-captioned patent application, U.S. Application Serial No. 09/075,152, filed May 8, 1998.
2. Prior to the effective date of the Gulla reference, we, the inventors, had completed our invention in this country, as described and claimed in the subject patent application. This is evidenced by the following:
 - (a) Prior to the effective date of the Gulla reference, we designed and constructed a prototype in which digital images were capable of being compressed and transferred. The prototype was capable of receiving and compressing digitized image information using customized software that we developed. The compressed image information was transferred to a second prototype, which received the compressed image information. The second prototype functions essentially in the opposite manner as the first prototype. The second prototype then decompressed the compressed image information into a form capable of being displayed. The decompressed image information was then transferred to a projector for display.
 - (b) Submitted herewith is a block diagram prepared by the inventors. The block diagram has a date on it (removed) having a date prior to the effective date of the Gulla reference.
 - (c) As can be seen by reading claim 1 while referencing the drawing, each element is supported. Specifically, the element "at least one central facility..." correlates to the "QDC Central Hub" illustrated on the drawing.

The element "means for transferring..." correlates to the "Ku Band Satellite" illustrated on the drawing. The element "means for receiving and storing..." correlates to the boxes labeled "Demod" (demodulator) and "Disk Storage" illustrated on the drawing. The element "means for distributing..." correlates to the "Fiber Channel Busses" illustrated on the drawing. The element "means for decompressing..." correlates to the box labeled "Decrypt/Demod" illustrated on the drawing. The element "at least one projection system..." correlates to the boxes labeled "Projector" and "Audio System" illustrated on the drawing. Accordingly, the invention as defined by claim 1 was invented prior to the effective date of the Gulla reference.

- (d) Similarly, as can be seen by reading claim 70 while referencing the drawing, each element of claim 70 is supported. Specifically, the element "receiving and compressing . . ." correlates to the "Compress/Encrypt/Modulate" box and pathway illustrated on the drawing. The element "transferring resulting compressed image information . . ." correlates to the "Ku Band Satellite" pathway illustrated on the drawing. The element "receiving and storing . . ." correlates to the "Demod" and "Disk Storage" boxes and pathways illustrated on the drawing. The element "distributing stored compressed image information . . ." correlates to the "Fiber Channel Busses" pathway illustrated on the drawing. The element "decompressing transferred image information . . ." correlates to the "Decrypt/Decode" box and pathway illustrated on the drawing. The element "receiving decompressed image information at at least one projection system . . ." correlates to the "Projector" box and pathway illustrated on the drawing.
- (e) Accordingly, the invention as defined by claims 1 and 70 were reduced to practice prior to the effective date of the Gulla reference. Claims 2-69

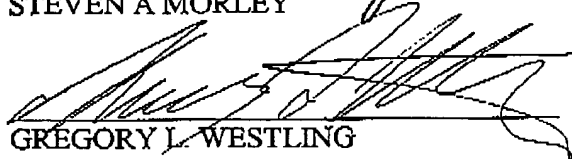
ultimately depend from claim 2, and claims 71-135 ultimately depend from claim 70. As such, the Gulla reference is not available as prior art against any of claims 1-135.

We hereby acknowledge that all statements made of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further acknowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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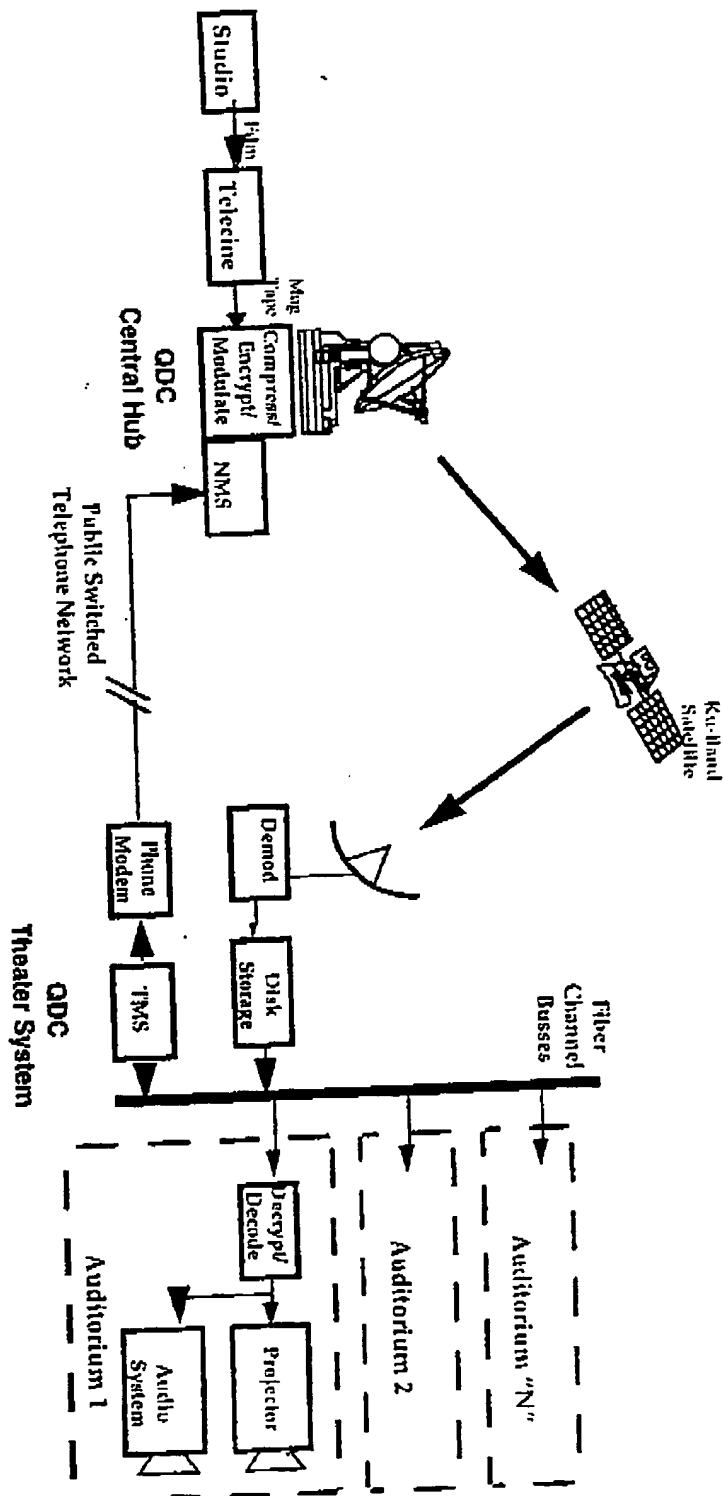

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System Block Diagram



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